IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 2006 0680A

Kaoru YOKOTA et al. : Confirmation No. 4029

Serial No. 10/580,178 : Group Art Unit 2458

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated July 7, 2009 and the Advisory Action dated October 22, 2009, the period for response having been extended by one month to November 7, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

A Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently herewith.